

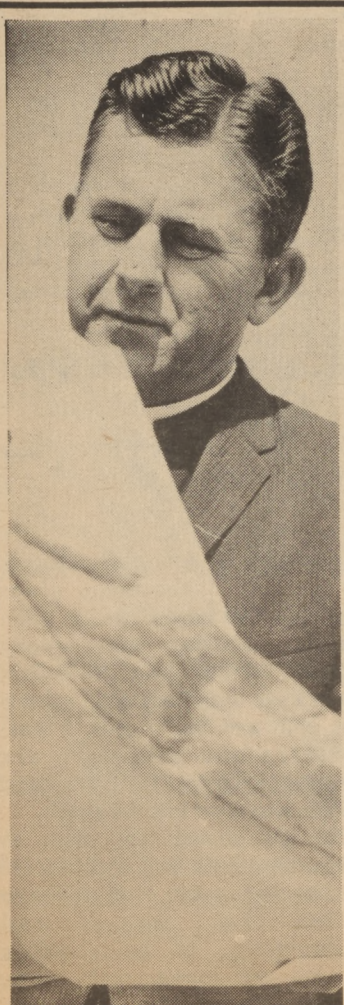


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REV. ORVILLE SCHLUETER  
... looks over plans

## Lutheran Church Ends Quest For Permanent Home

After worshipping in a neighboring church and meeting hall, the Abiding Savior Lutheran Church has found a permanent home.

Being constructed on a site adjacent to St. George's Episcopal Church at 23256 El Toro Rd., El Toro, Abiding Savior is expected to conduct its first services in its permanent home at the end of November of this year.

The quest for a permanent home started when Rev. Orville Schlueter was assigned by the District Mission Board as Missionary-at-large and began work in the area in 1956. He conducted the first services April 4, 1965 in the St. George's Episcopal Church while Sunday School sessions were held in the parsonage garage.

In 1966 the El Toro Women's Club Hall became the place for worship while construction at the new site was started in early 1967.

The first phase of development includes a chapel, office area for the pastor, general office, rest room facilities, kitchen, and a fellowship hall which can be divided into eight classrooms. The site is master planned for a future sanctuary and additional educational facilities.

"Abiding Savior Lutheran Church is in the area to serve the people of El Toro, Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo. Citizens of the community are always welcome at the service and Sunday School," commented Rev. Schlueter.

## Homeowners Assn. Ready With Petitions To Oppose El Toro Re-Zoning Plan Today

By MIKE WILDE  
Editorial Assistant

A new hearing on the proposed zone change at Muirlands Blvd. and El Toro Rd. is scheduled for today at 1:30 p.m. after the developer asked for a one week postponement last Wednesday.

The hearing will be held before the Orange County Planning Commission at the Engineering Building at 400 W. 8th St., Santa Ana at which time representatives from the Aliso Valley Homeowners Assn. will oppose the proposed zoning change.

The protest arose from a plea by the Randy Construction Company that a piece of property on the northeast corner of Muirlands Blvd. and El Toro Rd. be changed to commercial-neighborhood zoning from residential-professional zoning.

The Aliso Valley Homeowners

held an official meeting last Tues., August 22 and drafted and sent an official letter of protest to the Planning Commission.

According to Bill Milan, officer with the Aliso Valley Homeowners Assn. and El Toro resident, there are presently over 80 acres of

zoned commercial in the El Toro area. Among other businesses the El Toro shopping center is being built one-half mile from this parcel. It is a \$1.5 million investment.

"We believe this would indicate, based on our present population,

that there is no need for additional commercial zoning," emphasized Milan.

"The real issue in our view is the effect this change would have upon the community."

A petition was circulated only in the immediate area, covering approximately 200 homes. Ninety-nine percent of the people contacted signed this petition and indicated to Homeowners Assn. that they were against this rezoning.

A general meeting of the Aliso Valley Homeowners Assn. will be held in the multi-purpose room at Olivewood School tomorrow night, Thurs., August 31, at 7:30 p.m. Planning for the El Toro area, recreation, parks, and other matters will be discussed.

"We urge all interested residents to attend this meeting and recommend what kind of a community they want five or ten years from now," said Milan.

## Laguna Players Offer Special Ticket Rates

Special reduced rate tickets for students and service men and women are in effect for the Laguna Playhouse summer theater.

Currently the Players are presenting two summer shows six nights a week. Every Tuesday and Wednesday through Aug. 30 "Marriage-Go-Round" is on stage. The hit musical, "Roar of the

Greasepaint---Smell of the Crowd," is presented Thursdays through Sundays through Sept. 3. Curtain time for both productions is 8:30.

The special rates for students and the military are \$1.50 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Regular price is \$2.50 on those nights. For Fridays and Saturdays the special reduced rate is \$2.25. Regular price is \$3.25.

Students through college level are eligible for the low rates. Service personnel should show IDs.

"Marriage-Go-Round" is a sophisticated comedy directed by the award-winning director, Marthella Randall.

"Roar of the Greasepaint" is directed by Kent Johnson, with musical direction by Doris Shields and choreography by Lynne Morris.

Reservations may be made by phoning the box office, (714) 494-8061, daily except Mondays, from 1 p.m. The Playhouse is closed on Mondays.

## 'Bluebeard's Castle' Sparks Festival of Opera Sept. 1, 2

Bartok's "Bluebeard's Castle" and de Falla's "Master Pedro's Puppet Show" will highlight the second of three operas being presented by the Laguna Beach Festival of Opera this coming Friday and Saturday evenings, September 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. in the Irvine Bowl.

Tickets for the two remaining operas can be purchased at the Festival of Opera box office, 608 Laguna Canyon Rd. Tickets range in price from \$8.50 single Box-Loge to \$2.50 single Sections 4-6.

Leading artists from the Metropolitan, San Francisco and Chicago Lyric Opera have starring roles in the three operas

accompanied by a full orchestra under the direction of Eugene Ober.

All operas this season are sung in English "to add to the mounting excitement of these performances under the stars," comments Robert W. Carithers, president of the board. "Famous story lines are followed easily, establishing a bridge of communication with an audience of all ages."

"Bluebeard's Castle" has been performed rarely in the United States and the Festival of Opera boasts its Southern California premiere.

"Master Pedro's Puppet Show" is a comment on Cervantes' Don Quixote from the Spanish composer de Falla and is said to be a delight for audiences of all ages.

The last opera in the series is Donizetti's "Don Pasquale" being presented Friday and Saturday evenings, September 8 and 9 with an 8 p.m. curtain time.

For further box office information, call 494-2607.

"Grand opera under the stars at Irvine Bowl serves up a fitting complement to the earlier Festival of Arts Pageant. These thrilling operatic productions enrich the cultural summer season for all Orange County, points out Carithers.

## Rummage Sale Set For Sept. 8, 9

The El Toro Womens Club on El Toro Rd. a mile east of the Santa Ana Freeway will be turned into a gala bargain center Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The women of St. George's Episcopal Church will open their first fall rummage sale to the public offering everything from shaving mirrors to sofas, and from pajamas to evening dresses.

## News Briefs

WEEKEND BREAKFAST—The Inn at the Mission Viejo Golf Club has inaugurated a special "Weekend Breakfast" served every Saturday and Sunday starting at 7 a.m. It consists of ham, bacon or sausage and eggs served with either a Bloody Mary, Silver or Ramos Fizz. The cost is \$2.00.

GATES PTO MEETING—The Gates Parent Teachers Organization held its first board meeting last night where Mrs. Yvonne Bidart, chairman of the newly formed teacher's assistance committee told committee members that they will aid teachers on the first day of school guiding the primary children from buses to the proper classrooms.

## Health Assn. Announces Christmas Seal Contest

Orange County artists are being invited to try for a \$1,000 award by designing the 1969 Christmas Seal.

In announcing the first local competition, John W. "Bill" Hill, president of the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Orange County, which depends on contributions for Christmas Seals to finance its work, said that the annual contest has previously been held in cooperation with Los Angeles County.

"We feel that this area has so many talented artists and designers that we should be able to produce a winning entry," Hill said. "Prizes of \$100 and \$50 will go to the top winners in this County, and the TB Association will forward selected work to New York for additional judging."

In addition to the \$1,000 cash award for the national winner, the artist receives recognition and publicity throughout the United States, Hill emphasized. The Christmas Seal, symbol of the fight against TB and other respiratory diseases, is reproduced eight billion times for distribution in every State.

Charles Adamo, president of the Society of Designers and Illustrators, has been named chairman of the Orange County contest.

## Mission Viejo: Watch Out For Street Sweeper!

The Rancho Reporter was informed this week that the streets will be swept in Mission Viejo every first and third Thursday of the month and that all residents should keep cars off the streets during these days. It is also requested that residents do not water the night before these sweeping days.

Deadline for local entries is September 29.

Hill said that a public showing of the entries is planned toward the end of the year.

Contest rules, specifications for the artwork, and further details are available at the offices of the TB Association, 1104 West 8th Street, Santa Ana.

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# Grand Canyon Swallows Hikers

By DOUG ONYON  
Rancho Staff Writer

There you are at the bottom. Nowhere to go but up and that's the problem. You're surrounded by beauty, actually lost in it. The Grand Canyon has swallowed you.

We just returned from a hiking trip to the bottom of one of the seven natural wonders of the world. On this journey were

five hikers, all local college friends; Andy Miller and Ron Hagander from the University of Southern California, Jack Woolsey of Santa Ana College, and Mike Wilde and myself from the University of Oregon.

We left Orange County late one Friday night, the five of us in a Renault Dauphine. Arriving at the Grand Canyon Village Saturday morning we began our hike down the endless, blistering Kaibab Trail leading to Phantom Ranch, 7.3 miles at the bottom.

Reaching Cedar Ridge, only one and one-half miles from the top, we met other hikers who had decided to stop at this point upon seeing a sign that stated that there was no water on the Kaibab Trail and only experienced hikers should descend to the depths.

Trying to ignore the sign, we trekked downward, passing other hikers on the way. The sun was now directly over head as we came across another sign stating that the temperature in the Canyon reaches 110 degrees in the summer. "What were we doing here," echoed throughout our fastly fatiguing party.

Then came the switchbacks, those deceiving inventions of wandering Indians. "Just wait until we're climbing up," Ron and I told the others. We had made a similar hike last summer and wanted the other three to share in the adventure.

Around one sharp bend on the narrow path came our first view of the treacherous and murky Colorado River. Down there was a mule train crossing the suspension bridge, which was to lead up into the ranch.

We were finally at the bottom, only three hours of hiking and it was mid-afternoon. We stripped down to our swim shorts and laid in the rapids of a rust-colored tributary that flowed into the Colorado a few hundred yards away.

At about four o'clock we started our journey upward. There we stood looking for a glimpse of the top, but it never came. It became evident that canyon climbing was basically more difficult being the reverse of mountain climbing.

As we approached the two mile marker, from the bottom, the sun plunged beyond the canyon. There we were walking only with the aid of one flashlight. We would stop to rest and bats would haunt our serenity. We couldn't sleep, it

was too cold. It became a question in our minds of survival. We were thirsty, and the only water we had was what we had carried with us, and that was getting low.

"Cedar Ridge! The top is only one and one-half miles away. I have to rest. Just sleep for fifteen minutes." After our rest we walked. The one mile marker. The half-mile marker. All that remained was the last set of switchbacks. From overhead came the growl of a mountain lion, joining the squeals of the bats. The last half mile was a quiet one. No one talked. All looked out for the cat.

One switchback from the top we all stopped to sign the log book. We all turned and ran to the top. 3:30 a.m. We were out. Safe.

## EDITORIAL

### Welcome Aboard, Mr. Roper

Congratulations to the Board of Trustees of the Saddleback Junior College District on their recent appointment of Jack S. Roper to the Superintendency of the new Junior College District.

This newspaper has known Mr. Roper for a number of years and has found him to be an educator with fortitude, imagination, leadership qualities and an ability to work hard. A young junior college can use a young, modern educator such as Jack S. Roper.

The top leader in any school seems of great importance in setting the educational environment for faculty and students. The shadow of this leader enters the classroom, student activities and in giving the intangible feeling of whether the organization is important or not, to the people involved in it.

Thus, it would seem that the most important work a Board of Trustees of any school can do is to see that its leader is intelligent, has an ability to lead and has a genuine respect for faculty

and student. Building budgets and equipment seem second to this "human staffing."

The Board of Trustees of Saddleback JC have taken a great deal of time in their selection of their first superintendent and president. This newspaper does not know of the total procedures used in their selection but it is apparent that the Board did not push the total selection off on a committee or on a "Screening Committee" composed of professional educators from other areas. Instead, they kept close tabs on the selection since they realized the importance of this first appointment.

It will be a pleasure for THE RANCHO REPORTER to work closely with the Board of Trustees of Saddleback JC, and with Jack Roper, in creating a first class junior college district for our area.

Welcome aboard, Mr. Roper, and congratulations to the Board on your appointment.

## El Toro Scientist Strives To Save Valuable Vietnamese Animals

Dr. Keith E. Justice, 22902 Willard Ave., El Toro, recently joined another scientist in a government study of the effects of new weapons on the well-being and reproduction of animals in Vietnam. The conservation study also extended to neighboring Thailand.

"Amid the orchid-garlanded forests of Vietnam live various species of deer, one of which weighs up to 800 pounds. Another species, the nocturnal mouse deer, stands only 12 inches high on pencil-thin legs.

"There are lots of elephants,

wild and domesticated. Families of tail-less gibbons with long arms and legs swing through the trees. Each species has its own 'language' of calls, and scientists are busily at work, decyphering them.

"Vietnam and Thailand also have their share of cats," says Justice.

"There is an ocelot-type cat which is quite plentiful; tigers are harder to come by.

"But in Vietnam, we did learn of a Marine sleeping in a foxhole who was dragged off by a tiger who mistook him for a tidbit.

"The Marine quickly woke up and gave the tiger a hefty poke in the snout, sending him on his way, his tail between his legs. Unfortunately, the tiger did keep a souvenir - a good sized patch of skin from the Marine's arm, we learned from the medical corpsman who had given him first aid."

Justice and his colleague recorded bird calls, observed nocturnal animals with infra-red lights and made counts with devices such as traps without

jaws. They also interviewed natives who had observed animal life.

"Our Marine guards served as a constant reminder that we were in the war zone in Vietnam," says Justice. "As dark fell each evening, we were airlifted back to the relative safety of the Marine base at Danang.

Animals suffer along with humans in the war. But they thrive when they move into jungle areas which have been slashed and burned off by bombardment. Here new luxuriant growth is soon evident, a growth providing food for the animals, says Justice.

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## BLUE CHIPS

By Chester Briner

### Investment Clubs

Investment clubs have been in the financial pages often in the last year. Consequently, we stockbrokers have been called upon to explain them and, in many cases, help get them formed. Stockbrokers, as a rule, welcome the inquiries and the opportunities to assist in the formation of the clubs.

An investment club is usually a combination social and financial club. Strangely enough, they are not always formed by people who make small investments. I know of one club, in Los Angeles, that was started with a \$5,000 investment on the part of each of five members. Most clubs, however, are formed by a group of people who want to invest 10 to 50 dollars per month but feel an inability to do it as individuals. By pooling their funds, these people are able to make larger investments and, in many cases, avoid the higher cost associated with odd-lot transactions.

Although a successful investment club will realize a profit from its transactions, another very definite benefit is the financial education. Many people who would like to invest are reluctant to do so because of a lack of knowledge of the market. They think that it is too risky, or too complicated, or only for rich people. Membership in an investment club for a year or two is usually a very enlightening

experience and is often profitable financially.

Most member firms of the New York Stock Exchange are prepared to help interested people in getting investment clubs formed. The procedure is quite simple, involving some equally simple forms and agreements among the members and between the club and the broker. Films, lectures and literature are available, free, to interested people who want to start a club.

No one should look upon an investment club as a medium for getting rich quick. It is a way to learn the "whys" and "wherefores" of the securities market and maybe make some money while learning. Any broker can assist you, if you want to start a club.

### Irvine Lake Bird Report

Our hunting program is stepping up as fall approaches. The dove in this area are very thick and unless we get a cold snap it looks like a good opening for the little bullets.

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